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THE Deputies of the Cantons met at Soluthurn the 27th Instant, and the next Day the Marquess de Puiseux, Ambassador of France, made the following Speech to them.

Magnificent Lords!

WHEN the Army of the King my Master entered Germany, you signified to me your Desire, that neither his Majesty's Troops, nor those of the Elector of Bavaria, should take Post, along the Rhine or the Lake of Constance, from Basil to Bregentz. Notwithstanding this Demand was contrary to his Majesty's Interest, he yielded to give you that Mark of his Complaisance. Being accusom'd to obtain of his Majesty all the Favours you ask of him, while the Potentates who are most oblig'd to you affect to refuse whatever they think would be acceptable to you, you intimated to me in the Diet held at Baden the 9th of December last, that the laudable Helvetick Body desir'd with all possible earnestness, that his Majesty would grant a Neutrality for a Tract of Country of a league in length, lying along the Rhine and the Lake of Constance. You obtain'd that Neutrality; yet not content with all this respect shewn to you, you sent a numerous Deputation to me, while that Diet sat, to desire me in the name of the laudable Cantons to use my endeavours to induce his Majesty to grant you the like Favour for the Borders of the Lake of Geneva. I must ingenuously confess, that you know better than I, how far my Master can carry his Complaisance, for his most ancient Allies and Confederates; for the truth is, when your Deputies applied themselves to me, I willingly took upon me to inform his Majesty of your Request, because I delight in nothing so much as in being employ'd to procure for you, as far as I am able, the satisfaction of your Wishes: but to speak with my usual freedom, I assure you I doubted at that time whether the King would grant you a Favour of that Nature, a Favour so prejudicial in short to his real Interest. How am I pleas'd that I made a wrong Conjecture! And yet I will convince you your selves that I had just reason to apprehend the Success of the Instances I made to his Majesty on that Subject.

The Emperor lets slip no occasion of doing my Master all the Mischief he can. He earnestly and incessantly urges all the Potentates of Europe, to take part in the Jealousy, not to say the Hatred, that goads him on, that constrains him, to wage War with his Majesty; for the Events plainly shew, that Policy does not push him upon such violent Proceedings. You have seen the Emperor espouse the Interest of the late King William of England, and combine in his favour with most of the Potentates of Europe, to hinder King James from recovering a Throne that rightfully belong'd to him; an unhappy Prince, whose Misfortune ought to rouse to Arms all those that wear the like August Character, not to add to the Weight of his Calamity, but on the contrary to make him Triumph over his Enemies, and put him into possession of his Inheritance. You now see this Emperor of the Romans, who pretends to be the first Prince of Christendom, make incredible tho' vain Efforts, to wrest from King Philip V. of Spain, a Crown so lawfully acquir'd, both by the Rights of Blood, the last Will of his Predecessor, and the un-

nanimous Consent of his People. We have formerly seen those Potentates of Europe whom Interest has most divided, shew politeness (if we may be allow'd the Word) in the midst of War, humanity and compassion in the Rage of Battle. The Imperialists in these days make War barbarously and in a manner unusual among Christians, thereby evidently shewing, the Emperor's Proceedings are the Effect of Passion, rather than of a desire to maintain his pretended Rights to the Spanish Monarchy; he cannot bear that Monarchy should be possess'd by my Master's Grandson. Mean time, Magnificent Lords, 'tis to preserve the Emperor's Patrimony that you demand this Neutrality; Strange Demand! The King granted it; Strange Complaisance!

An insatiable Ambition and Animosity, have made the Duke of Savoy always forget, how many Ages the Blood of Fance has run in the Veins of the Princes of his Family. It seems he would make his own Daughters feel the Effects of this Animosity, because they have married two Grandsons of the King my Master, and owe their Advancement to those two glorious Alliances. Who can doubt it, Magnificent Lords, seeing the Duke of Savoy is leagu'd with a Prince, all whose Efforts tend to dethrone the King of Spain?

The nearness of Blood, the Treaties between his Majesty and the Duke of Savoy, Treaties that preserve Peace, Tranquility, and Plenty in that Duke's Dominions; so many weighty Motives cannot sway him; they are overpower'd by the restless Desire he has to enlarge his Territories. How often has the King feign'd Ignorance of the Secret Intelligence that Prince held with the Enemies of the two Crowns? With what Reluctance was his Majesty forc'd at length to prevent the Effects of that Correspondence? Even since the Disarming of his Troops, what advantageous Offers has he not made him? And who is better inform'd of this than your Magnificent Lordships? Has not the King accepted your Mediation for procuring a Neutrality for all the Dominions of the Duke of Savoy? You are Witnesses, that the Duke refus'd it; that the good Offices you willingly did him in it, had not the Success you so justly promis'd your selves; And that he prefers the Hazards of War to certain Quiet. Reflect on all this, and you will acknowledge, that I had ground to fear his Majesty would not hearken to the Instances I made to him, for the Preservation of several Territories belonging to the Emperor, and of part of those of the Duke of Savoy.

Notwithstanding which, out of regard to you, his Majesty freely consents, that a Tract of Country extending from Basil to Bregentz, shall not be molested by his Arms: And I have receiv'd Orders by a Courier, to entrust the Chablais and Faucigny to the keeping of the laudable Helvetick Body. What is this, but sacrificing his just Resentments to your Importunity? You are too judicious, too grateful, to overlook the Merit of this Condescension; you may imagine his Majesty foresees all the Consequences of it: Yet, he chooses to be wanting to his own Interest, that he may gratifie his desire of putting his Enemies to shame, who endeavour by the basest Insinuations to persuade you, that he designs to surround you on all sides. And besides, his Majesty would satisfy you thoroughly, that he has no Intention of increasing his Power, and that he proposes nothing further, than to oblige the Duke of Savoy to agree

agree with him on a firm, durable, and sincere Peace; A Peace so becoming and convenient for two Princes so closely united by Blood; A Peace that will restore to Christendom the Tranquility that has so often been interrupted, and is so earnestly and universally long'd for.

The extraordinary Complaisance his Majesty shews on this Occasion for the laudable Helvetick Body, is a fresh Demonstration to all the World, of the peculiar Esteem he has for his dear Friends, Allies, and Confederates.

It is not necessary, Magnificent Lords, for me to enlarge at this time on the sincere regard his Majesty always shew'd to the Helvetick Body; You cannot but be so thoroughly convinc'd of it by many considerable and solid Effects, that all I could say on that Subject would be a needless repetition; But I am willing to flatter my self you are persuad'd I take a peculiar Pleasure in acquainting you, on the part of his Majesty, how willing he is to give these new incontestable proofs of his Affection for the laudable Helvetick Body.

I will venture to say further, Magnificent Lords, that I am sure the King my Master is dear to you; that you repose more Confidence in his Sacred Person, than in any other Prince of Europe; Of this I have unquestionable Proofs. Can there be a plainer, than what happen'd in Switzerland after the Battle of Friddlingen? What Heats! what Commotions were there in your Country! what Alarms were spread through it! what a hurry of warlike Preparations before the Day of that famous Battell! yet no sooner were the Kings Troops Victors, but the Militia you had drawn to your Frontiers were order'd to return home. This Mark of Confidence on your Part, will be eternally engrav'd on the Heart of his Majesty.

I renew to you on his part a firm Assurance of the Affection he has hitherto shewn you, promising you, his Neighbourhood shall never be otherwise than advantageous to you, and shall always give you just grounds of Satisfaction. And if the present State of Affairs will suffer me to make use of the Permission his Majesty has been pleas'd to grant me to return to Court, I will bring back with me from thence new Marks of his Royal Goodness. For I doubt not, but you will give me cause to assure the King of your good dispositions and the sincere Inclination you have for him. I am, &c.

The Advices that give an Account of the Proceedings of this Assembly at Soluthurn, shall be found at large in tomorrow's Courant.

Falmouth, March 2. Yesterday sail'd to the Eastward Her Majesty's Ship the Chester, having under her convoy all the Corn Ships that were in this Harbour bound for Lisbon.

Plymouth, March 3. Yesterday pass'd by this Harbour Her Majesty's Ship the Chester; at the same time came in several Ships bound for Lisbon, last from Falmouth. This day came in here a Ship of Topsham bound for Fiall, who was taken by a French Privateer and ransom'd for 250 l.

Tarmouth, March 4. Yesterday was sent into this Port a French Prize of Diep about 60 Tons, laden with Wine, Brandy, and Prunes, taken the 2d instant by a Guernsey Privateer, who in company with 2 other Privateers of the same place, fell in with 6 more French Ships, and took the biggest of them, the other 2 are in pursuit of the rest, and 'tis believ'd will take more of them before they can reach the French Shore. The Lieutenant who came in this Prize further saith, that 2 English Men of War, with 6 Privateers of Guernsey, put on shore a whole Fleet with their Convoys, being 2 Men of War, in the Bay of Cherburg between the 2 Forts; and being put on Shore with an easterly Wind, 'tis not doubted but some of them are lost. It is also said, that they brought 200 Guns to bear upon our Ships from the Forts and the Shore.

Cowes, March 4. Yesterday came into this Road under convoy of the Bedford Galley, 4 retaken Ships from the West-Indies, but last from Guernsey, having been there some time and are now bound for London,

and sail'd again the same day for Spithead in order to get convoy for the Downes. On Thursday last sail'd out of this Road for Spithead to go under convoy of 3 Dutch Men of War there, said to be bound home, several Vessels, together with some French Prizes taken by the Dutch.

Harwich, March 4. Yesterday several Transport Ships arriv'd here from the River, to receive on board Men and Horses for Her Majesty's Service in Holland. Also the Postillion and Marling Sloop Convoys, to Merchant Ships bound to the Northward. And the King's Man of War came aground on the Gunfleet, was oblig'd to throw some Guns overboard, but then got off again with small damage, and arriv'd here safe this Morning.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, this present Tuesday being the 7th of March, will be presented a Play call'd, *The Albion Queens, or, The Death of Mary, Queen of Scotland.* And by reason of the extraordinary Charge in the Decoration of it, the Prices are rais'd, Boxes 5 s. Pit 3 s. first Gallery 2 s. upper Gallery 1 s.

AT the New Theatre in Little-Lincolns-Inn-Fields, this present Tuesday being the 7th of March, will be perform'd *The Subscription Musick.* Wherein Mrs. Tofts Sings several Songs in Italian and English. With a new Entertainment alter the manner of an Opera, call'd, *Brittain's Happiness.* As it is compos'd (both Vocal and Instrumental) by Mr. Leveridge, and never perform'd before. With proper Dances by Monsieur l'Abbe, Monsieur du Ruel, Monsieur Cherrier, Mrs. Elford, Mrs. Campion, Mrs. Mayers, and the Devonshire Girl. And on Thursday next will be presented a new Play, call'd, *Liberty Asserted.* Being the 8th time of Acting.

WHEREAS Mary Hall was recommended by a Certificate from the Minister and Church-wardens of the Parish of St. James's Clerkenwell, London, as an Object of Charity to Dr. William Read the Famous Oculist, at his House in Durham-Yard in the Strand. This poor Woman was under the Misfortune of an Absolute Blindness of both Eyes, the said Dr. Read couch'd her and brought her to an extraordinary Sight in less than a minute, without any pain or confinement, which is the more remarkable, considering she is above 80 Years of Age. This marvelous Cure is desir'd to be publish'd by the said Minister and Church-wardens, not only as a Thankful Acknowledgment of Dr. Read's Charity and Generosity, but for the Benefit of others under the same Misfortune.

WHEREAS Mr. William Cowper's Anatomy of Humane Bodies, with 114 large Figures from copper Plates drawn after the Life, and printed at Oxford in Folio, hath of late been sold above the usual price, being scarce, by reason that some of the Cuts were not perfect. Notice is hereby given, That those few Copies remaining are now compleatly finish'd with all the Additional Letters of Reference done by him, and for distinction are mark'd in Red, and will be sold as formerly, viz. the Royal Paper for 5 l. and the Imperial for 6 l. handsomely bound and gilt on the back, until the 25th of this instant March, by the Undertakers Sam. Smith and Benj. Walford at the Prince's Arms in St. Paul's Church-yard; after which time, if any remain unfold, the price will be rais'd considerably.

Just published the third Edition of
PEACE without Union, in answer to Sir H-y M--ck's Book. price 6d.

Newly publish'd,
OF the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. A Sermon preach'd at St. Mary-le-Bow, February 18. 1703-4. before the Society incorporated for that purpose, exhorting all Persons in their Stations, to assist so Glorious a Design. By the Right Reverend Father in God, Gilbert, Lord Bishop of Sarum. Sold by D. Brown at the Black Swan and Bible without Temple-Bar, and R. Symphon at the Harp in St. Paul's Church-yard.

MR. Collier's Dissuasive from the Play-House; in a Letter to a Person of Quality, occasioned by the late Calamity of the Tempest. Printed for Richard Sare at Grays-Inn Gate in Holborn. Price 2 d. or 12 s. per Hundred.